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Two Women.

I know two women, and one is chaste
And cold as the snow on a winter waste;
Stainless ever, in act and thought,
(As a man born dumb in speech errs not).
But she has malice toward her kind
A cruel tongue and a jealous mind,
Void of pity, and full of greed,
She judges the world by her narrow creed.
A brewer of quarrels, a breeder of hate,
Yet she holds the key to "society's gate."

The other woman, with heart of flame,
Went mad for a love that marred her name
And out of the grave of her murdered faith
She rose alive a soul that has passed thro' death.
Her aim is noble, her pity so broad
It covers the world like the mercy of God.
A healer of discord, a soother of woes,
Peace follows her footsteps, wherever she goes.
The worthier life of the two, no doubt:
And "society" looks her out.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Territory of Alaska, Executive Office
Sitka, Alaska.

We here in Alaska can join our
friends in the States in rendering praise
and thanksgiving to Almighty God for
his goodness and mercy. Victory has
been given us over Spain and our Army
and Navy have brought liberty and hope
to people who were crushed. While
our soldiers have gained battles we can
be thankful that we did not have a
Stronger Enemy to fight, and that our
own pitiable weakness in supplying,
caring for and handling troops has been
revealed to us.

The States have been blessed with
abundant harvests and the fruits of the
husbandman's toil have come to us by
the shiploads.

We have sent in return an immense
product from our canneries and a large
sum in gold bullion from our quartz and
placer mines. We can rejoice that
many families have established their
permanent homes in Alaska during the
year now closing. The poor man can
thank God that there is such a country
as Alaska where there are so many
grand opportunities for him. While
we recall all these things, with feelings
of gratitude the recollection of those
who were so suddenly taken on the
Clara Nevada and in the Chilcoot Pass
will solemnize our thoughts and temper
our devotion.

In accordance with the time-honored
custom of the forefathers of our country,
therefore I, John G. Brady, Governor
of the District of Alaska, do hereby ap-
point Thursday, the 24th day of Novem-
ber, A. D. 1898 as a day of solemn
and public thanksgiving to God for
past blessings and of supplication for
His continued kindness and care over
us as a District and Nation.

On the day designated let us assem-
ble at our respective places of worship,
and with grateful praise and thanks-
giving confess our responsibility to
God, the Creator of us all, and forget
not to share our plenty with the poor,
to comfort the sick, cheer the unfortu-
nate and manifest charity toward all.

Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of the Territory of Alaska, at
Sitka, this 3rd day of November, in the
year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and ninety-eight, and the one
hundred and twenty-third year of our
American Independence, and the thirty-
first year of the transfer of the Terri-
tory from Russia to the United States.

JOHN G. BRADY.

By the Governor:
ALBERT D. ELLIOT,
(L. S.) Secretary of the Territory.

A Severe Winter Coming.

All the indications on which great re-
liance is always placed point to a long
and severe winter. In the first place,
there is the goose bone. For the first
time in eight years it is very wide and
nearly all white, which is a sure sign of
early snow, deep snow and snow of long
duration. Then there is the ragweed.
It is unusually tall. Thus does nature
provide for the feeding of the non-mi-
gratory birds when there is to be deep
snow. Moreover, examination of corn
husks has disclosed that they are un-
usually heavy. That is another sign of
extreme cold. The woodchuck, further-
more, corroborates the other evidence
with a fur of unusual thickness. That is
a sign that never fails, even when oth-
ers do. Lastly, there is to be consid-
ered that there is a surplus of tempera-
ture which will have to be wiped out by
a correspondent deficit. These indica-
tions will convince even the most skep-
tical and induce them to make wise
provision for one of the severest winters
that have been experienced in a long
time.—Albany Express.

PROCLAMATION.

Territory of Alaska, Executive Office,
Sitka, Alaska:

Whereas a special Commission has
been formed under the direction of the
Commissioner General, for the United
States, to the Paris Exposition, for the
purpose of securing by popular contri-
butions, through the agency of the
Schools of America, funds to erect a
suitable memorial to General La Fay-
ette, whose character and services, we
have studied in our school histories,
with admiration, and

Whereas, it is proposed that a monu-
ment be built in time for unveiling and
dedication, on the Fourth of July, 1900,
at the Paris Exposition, and the schools
and teachers and friends of schools, all
over the United States, have generously
responded to this call to do a noble
deed:

Now, I therefore recommend, that on
Wednesday, November 23rd., all chil-
dren, and teachers and friends of the
schools in Alaska, make contributions
according as they feel able, so that we
may show our approval and sympathy
with those who have chosen such an
opportune time, to do a patriotic duty,
which long ago should have been per-
formed.

All money can be forwarded to Albert
D. Elliot, Secretary of the Territory
who will receipt for the same.

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the Territory of Alaska, at Sitka,
this 27th day of October, in the year of
our Lord, one thousand eight hundred
and ninety-eight, and the one hundred
and twenty-third year of our American
Independence, and the thirty-first year
of the transfer of the territory from
Russia to the United States.

JOHN G. BRADY.

By the Governor:
ALBERT D. ELLIOT,
(L. S.) Secretary of the Territory.

Chamber of Commerce.

Last Monday evening was the regu-
lar meeting of the Chamber of Com-
merce, and quite a number of members
were present. The meeting was held
in the court room, which Judge Tustin
had previously made comfortable with
a fine large fire and plenty of good
lights.

At 8 o'clock president Wilson took
the chair and called the meeting to
order. After considerable discussion
upon different subjects, the annual el-
ection of officers took place.

Capt. Thomas Wilson was reelected
president, Robert Reed was reelected
vice president, and George W. Bloom-
hardt was reelected treasurer.

The matter of most importance dis-
cussed during the evening was "How
shall we secure the expenditure of some
of the money appropriated by Congress
for the erection of public buildings in
Alaska, for Wrangel." This question
was the cause of many remarks the
members generally taking part in the
discussion. A resolution was finally
adopted appointing a committee of five,
consisting of Messrs. McKinnon, Camp-
bell, Bloomhardt, Arment and Wake-
field to devise ways and means, and to
prepare a draft of a memorial upon the
subject of securing some of the appro-
priations above referred to and present
the matter at the next meeting of the
Chamber of Commerce for approval.

C. E. Ingersoll offered a resolution
regarding Wrangel as a free port of
entry for Canadian goods, upon which
Mr. Ingersoll and others addressed the
meeting at some length. The resolu-
tion was finally referred to the commit-
tee on ways and means for action and
report.

On the whole the meeting was a
success, and bids fair to be the fore-
runner of much good for Wrangel.

The next meeting will be held at the
court house on Monday evening, Nov.
14th, at 7:30 sharp, at which time the
report of the committee will be acted
upon. A full attendance of the mem-
bers is expected.

President Wilson announced for the
Chamber, that the doors were open for
the admission of new members, and
that all reputable citizens who were
willing to conform to the by-laws, were
respectfully invited to present their
applications for membership.

Judging from the harmony that pre-
vailed during the meeting, we are free
to say, that if all the people in Wrangel
who are on the outside of the Chamber
of Commerce, were to get on the inside
and raise their voices as loud for the

improvement and up-building of
Wrangel and the Chamber of Com-
merce as they do now to destroy and
tear down, Wrangel would soon be in a
condition as prosperous as of yore.

NOTES.

Who said Porter's name was not
mentioned at the meeting?

Wonder who told Judge Tustin that
Dr. Campbell was fond of a good fire?

Tom Case wanted to make a speech—
but he was so far back in the room that
the president could not see or hear him.

Duncan McKinnon says he don't care
whether they make Wrangel a free
port of entry or not, but he does object
to having a free entry through the floor
of his warehouse.

The sanitary committee asked to be
discharged. Mr. Bloomhardt gave as
a reason, that the women objected to
his smelling around their back yards.

Capt. Wilson makes a good presiding
officer. The same can be said of vice
president Reed and treasurer Bloom-
hardt, and the Chamber made no mis-
take in selecting them.

The secretary is selected by the ex-
ecutive committee, which will be at-
tended to at the next meeting.

Somebody intimated that Wakefield
was losing confidence in Wrangel, and
it took two men to keep him from com-
mitting murder.

Much good will be accomplished this
winter through the Chamber of Com-
merce, if everybody will push. Every
good citizen who fails to join the Cham-
ber of Commerce on its passage up the
hill it is now ascending, will do as much
harm to Wrangel as two men in the
Chamber can do good.

"THE HOUSE IS HAUNTED"

As Sung by Deputy-Collector
Frank Richards.

Frank Richards, deputy collector at
the boundary, is going to write a book
entitled "The House is Haunted" and
dedicate it to Messrs. Smith and Hun-
ter, and thereby hangs a tale.

Frank came to town the other day
and put up at the custom house as a
guest of Smith and Hunter. Before
showing him to the room he was to oc-
cupy, Smith fastened a fish line to the
springs on Frank's bed and then run it
through to his own room adjoining.
About the time Frank was dropping off
to sleep, Smith pulls the string and
Frank jumps out of bed yelling "Smith!
Hunter! For God's sake bring a light!
There is someone in the room!"

Smith and Hunter ran into the room
and after hunting high and low and
finding nothing, convinced Frank that
he had been dreaming and all went
back to bed again.

In one hour by the watch, Smith
again pulled the string and Frank
jumped and yelled louder than ever
"Quick boys! Bring a light! I was not
mistaken! I was not dreaming! There
is something in this room!"

Again the search was made and noth-
ing found. This time the boys want-
ed to know what "brand" Frank was
using. It took some time to get Frank
back to bed again, but at last it was ac-
complished.

He had hardly got the clothes over
his head before Smith gave an extra
hard pull and the string broke. This
time Frank was frantic and insisted on
a complete search of the house being
made. So with only their nightshirts
and revolvers on they started, with
Smith, the smallest man, in the lead.
A thorough search of all the rooms
was made and everything was found
all right.

Then a council of war was held and
Frank made the following few remarks:
"Boys, this house is haunted. If we
remain here we will all be little angels
before morning. I am going down to
the hotel and God forgive me if I ever
sleep in this haunted house again."

Frank then took his departure, firm-
ly convinced, in his own mind, that the
house was haunted.

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our reporter overheard a certain young
man telling it, in strict confidence, to
his best girl.

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PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 29th. The president has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"By the president of the United States—A proclamation: The approaching November brings to mind the customs of our ancestors, hallowed by time and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings He has vouchsafed to us during the past year. Few years in our history have afforded such cause for thanksgiving as this. We have been blessed by abundant harvests, our trade and commerce have been wonderfully increased, our public credits have been improved and strengthened, all sections of our country have been brought together and knitted into a closer bond of national purpose and unity.

"The skies have been for a time darkened by the cloud of war, but as we were compelled to take up the sword in the cause of humanity, we are permitted to rejoice that the conflict has been of brief duration and the losses we have had to mourn, though grievous and important, have been so few, considering the great results accomplished, as to inspire us with gratitude and praise to the Lord of Hosts. We may laud and magnify His holy name that the cessation of hostilities came so soon as to spare both sides the countless sorrows and disasters that attend protracted war.

"I do, therefore, invite all my fellow citizens, as well those at home as those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving, to come together in their several places of worship for a service of praise and thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings of the year, the mildness of the seasons and the fruitfulness of the soil; for the continued prosperity of the people; for the devotion and valor of our countrymen; for the glory and valor of our victory and hope of a righteous peace and to pray that the divine guidance which has brought us heretofore to safety and honor may be graciously continued to the years to come.

"WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

"In witness whereof, etc.

"By the president,

"JOHN HAY, Secretary of State."

A verdict of 6 cents damages in favor of a young woman who refused to wear tights on the New York stage, and was discharged by the manager, seems to show that juries incline to the opinion that wearing tights is a part of the theatrical business, and that young woman who object to that sort of a costume ought to find some other occupation. That is the remorseless logic of the situation.

Keeping at work will keep you out of no end of trouble.

A great many more men would be good if they really believed it to be profitable.

Reputation is what you are on the outside. Character is what you are in the dark or in the heart.

If you are a subscriber then get your neighbor to subscribe. It takes money, not wind to run a great religious weekly.

It appears that the British fleet that now adorns the English channel is the most powerful aggregation of warships that ever came together.

It is becoming quite a task to secure a dwelling house in our town. Every day enquiries is being made by someone for a vacant house. Does this look like Wrangel losing her grip?

Where are we drifting? Drifting does not win the race, either in business, aquatic events or in building up a town. There must be the long pull, the strong pull and the all pull together. Let us stop drifting.

Mr. J. R. McKeand the genial editor of this paper who has been lying dangerously ill for the last six days is now showing signs of improvement and will we hope be back in two weeks time seated at his desk busily engaged taking subscriptions for the great religious weekly.

A walk over Wrangel will convince anyone that we are on the up-grade. With less than a half-dozen exceptions, it can truthfully be said, that there is not a house in our town that cannot be reached with a good, safe and substantial sidewalk. Can as much be said of any other town in Alaska?

If the parties owning the property joining Hunt's grocery on the west and that on the west of Hirsh's store would put down a walk, Front street would have a walk ten feet wide from end to end. These two pieces of walk are needed badly and should be put down at once by the parties owning the property.

Now, that the Townsite Commissioners have been appointed by the Government, and will in a few days be in Wrangel, it is time that the Chamber of Commerce, as the representative body of the citizens and business interests of our town, should begin to look about for a suitable man for the office of trustee. When titles are obtainable for property it must of necessity greatly enhance its value, giving every man as it does, an opportunity to purchase something he can say, is his own, without having to squat upon it in fear and trembling that while down town to purchase a loaf of bread or a beef steak, some chap who cares nothing for the welfare of the town or its people, but is only desirous of grabbing what he is not justly entitled to, will jump his lot. The good citizens of Wrangel will recall a few such experiences last spring, when only the stern hand of the law prevented serious complications. It would be well at the same time for the Chamber of Commerce to consider also the matter of a proper survey. The work done last spring was not only highly unsatisfactory, but should it be adopted, it would then have to be paid for. It would therefore seem that since we are compelled to pay for the work eventually, it would be far better to wipe out the past, begin everything anew,

and have a survey made by a competent man that will prove satisfactory to all property holders. The work should be conducted in such a manner that every property owner can have free access to the records and from time to time as it progresses, recommend changes and approve or disapprove the work. Owing to the season of the year when traffic on the Stikeen river, either by water or ice, is at a standstill, for the ensuing two months business is likely to be quiet, and it is in these quiet days when we have a little time to spare from business that we should labor most assiduously for our interests. The citizens of Wrangel look to the Chamber of Commerce to give these matters the great consideration they deserve, without delay.

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We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents published under the head of communications.

Ingersoll Speaks to the Point.

Wrangel, Alaska, Nov. 10, 1898.
Mr. Editor:

Allow me through the columns of your valuable paper to give to the public the able remarks made by Mr. C. E. Ingersoll, of the firm of Clark & Ingersoll, on Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce meeting. The following remarks were taken by

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

"Mr. Chairman:—The motion I desire to make deals with the passing of Canadian goods through this town into Canadian territory. Now, to pave the way for its introduction and consideration by this board, I feel it incumbent upon me to criticize the peculiar idea that many members have regarding the legitimate scope of the powers of the Chamber of Commerce. Several weeks ago there appeared in our leading newspaper an article purporting to set forth a series of interviews held with various members of the Chamber of Commerce, in which the board was bitterly arraigned for taking up the consideration of questions foreign to the purpose of its organization and incompatible with the legitimate duties of such a body. A prominent physician of this town was accused of perverting the real object and scope of the Chamber of Commerce by strenuously pushing before the attention of the board the imperative necessity of improving the sanitary condition of the town.

"I remember in the early infancy of the Chamber, of urging the pressing necessity of organizing a local police board to protect the public interests, and I have not forgotten the howl of protest I encountered. I do not think these measures should be considered at the present time. But I do wish to say in extenuation of the Doctor's and my own temerity, that at the time we urged our measures, this town was overcrowded with people from all sections of the world, representing all shades of society and morality. With careless indifference they were scattering all over the town the refuse from the kitchen, dead carcasses of beasts and all manner of filth. The doctor, with that keen penetration and forethought, that shows the practical man of experience and thought, realized that nature alone was our savior. He knew that as soon as the frost left the ground and the warm winds from the Japanese currents swept over the place the key would be turned, the door would open and there would issue forth and permeate the atmosphere of this town the foul germs of disease and the active breeders of pestilence and epidemic. We were both acting upon the preconceived idea that 'an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.'

"Now, Mr. Chairman, what I desire to state is this: Wrangel is not New York City, Chicago or Seattle. We have available neither the men nor the finances requisite to enable us to form the various boards there found to represent the various public wants. The people of this town look upon the Chamber of Commerce as the medium through which they can express their wants and as the only means of concentrated action for the public welfare. And I firmly believe that, if the Chamber of Commerce does so far depart from precedent and transgress the legitimate bounds of the recognized scope of the duties of such an organization as to consider every question appertaining to the public welfare and material advancement of the town, the citizens of this place will forgive us our trespasses and hold up their hands in approval and exclaim 'well done my good and faithful servant.'

"Mr. Chairman, if you will allow me to digress, I wish you would grab this Chamber of Commerce by the shoulders and give it a good hearty shake and see if you cannot arouse it from the long lethargic sleep it has been enjoying. The criticisms in this respect are unanswerable. For over nine months this chamber has been in being, and during that time it has accomplished nothing but useless organization and reorganization and the passing of resolutions as to what it ought not to do. We must certainly realize that we are allowing the golden opportunity to slip by us. We are endowed by nature with advantages and resources far superior to the other towns in Alaska, and yet they are outstripping us in the race. It is the old story of the race between the Hare and the Tortoise.

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our listless apathy in not showing up to the world what we have for them. We must not overlook the fact that we have active enemies to work on all sides of us. The steamboat companies are using vast wealth in their hands to subsidize the press to detract attention from Wrangel in order to secure the increased compensation through the longer haul. The newspaper correspondents realizing that the world is now ripe for anything sensational concerning Alaska, eagerly seize hold of the falsehoods and overdrawn tales of the tenderfoot and grub-staked miners and circulate them far and near. And sad as it may seem, it is yet true, our worst enemies are ourselves. Let a stranger get off one of the boats passing through our town, and take a stroll down our main street and talk with our business men, I repeat, with our business men, not mentioning the warefarer who has no permanent interests to maintain here, and he finds himself breathing an air of pessimism, of discontent, of gloomy forebodings. 'Oh! Wrangel is dead! There is no promise of a change! God pity the poor devil who is stranded here!' and the stranger departs from here with the feeling that there is imprinted over the entrance to Wrangel the inscription that adorns the portals to Dante's Hell. 'All hope abandon, ye that enter here.'

"Now, Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that, if the star of hope had sunk in the firmament of my being to the tip end of my toe nails, that if the prospect was so gloomy that 'beneath the lowest deep, a lower deep still threatening to devour me, opened wide,' that then, even then, I would assume an air of sanguineness even if I did not possess it, and I would live in hopes, if I had to die in despair.

The motion I desire to make is this: That we submit to the executive committee appointed this evening the consideration of drafting and sending on to Washington, to the chairman of the Peace Committee, about to meet to arrange the boundary question, a memorial embodying the following petition: That it is the sense and desire of the people of Wrangel, or the Chamber of Commerce, that all Canadian goods coming from Canadian territory passing through Wrangel into Canadian territory, be exempt from all exactions in the way of bonding, conveying, etc., now imposed upon them."

The Skeleton of a Russian Prospector Found in the Atlin District.

A miner who returned on the City of Seattle brought a gruesome relic which was found on his claim on Atlin lake, and which told a story of death and suffering years ago in pursuit of gold.

It was an old Russian musket, of the kind in use in Alaska years ago, when the Russians kept government house at Sitka. The miners found it in a rude cabin on one of the newly-discovered creeks flowing into Atlin lake. Near by was the skeleton of a man with the bones whitened by years of changing seasons.

The discovery, startling in the extreme, was made very suddenly one morning. The miners were prospecting a stream through the woods and unexpectedly came across a lonely little cabin. The door was not locked, but was stiff for want of use, and had not evidently been opened for years.

The prospectors pushed inside and found what once had been a very comfortable cabin. Lying in one corner, however, were the bones of a man whitened with age. There was nothing to indicate what had caused his death.

Sickness, accident, murder or starvation—any one of the grim quartette might have been his fate. A few feet from the cabin were faint traces of old workings, which showed the man had been a miner.

The prospector soon found the claim to be a rich one, and staked after the laws of British Columbia. The skeleton was buried near by and the man moved into the cabin. Threatening

winter drove him out, and he brought the old Russian musket with him.

One by one the haunts of Alaskan pioneers are being found out, and the bodies of those that were lost in one way or the other are being buried. This is said to be the fifth body found around Lake Teslin this summer.

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P. D. Whitehead had his name enrolled on our subscription book this week.

For all kinds of fresh meats, wild fowl and venison go to Gillis & James, next door to Case & Wilson.

Phil Wilson, son of T. G., swallowed a nickel the other day. He now claims to be a nickel in and at the same time a nickel out.

Mr. Morrow wanted his job to-day. Mr. Day wanted his job to-morrow. So to Day we sent his job to-morrow. And to Morrow we sent his job to-day.

There are times when the Custom officials sleep, but it is hard to find that time. It is not safe to figure on them being in a comatose condition all the time.

Dad Adams says he sampled the fluid captured last Thursday, and pronounced whiskey. While it is commonly understood that there is no bad whiskey, yet there is some that is better than others, and he thinks that the brand sampled comes under the classification of others.

J. H. Carsten, of the firm of Henry Drum & Co., customs brokers, who returned to Wrangel on the last Cottage City, will continue the brokerage business at the old stand and is prepared to attend to all business promptly. He is also a first-class engineer and is prepared to figure on and do any surveying that may offer.

Talk about "Scotch hospitality" there is nothing equals it, and Mrs. McKinnon is full of it. About 10 o'clock on last Saturday night, Mrs. McKinnon presented the Journal staff with an elegant lunch, consisting of fruit, cake, etc. It is such deeds as this that make the poor printers life worth living.

Ex-Senator Frank Richards, Deputy Collector of Customs, at the boundary, who has been in Wrangel on official business for several days, departed to-day his post of duty, where he expects to remain in solitude until next May. Mr. Richards is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and we hope no barnacles will grow on him while he is wearing away the lonely hours from now until next May in his log cabin at the boundary.

We regret to announce the loss of Mr. and Mrs. McBride, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopp, as citizens of Wrangel, who went north on the Derigo, to Douglas City, where they will set up the plant of the Wrangel News, and publish it as a Douglas City paper. The fact that McBride and Hopp are at the head of the enterprise is a sufficient guarantee that it will be a success.

A fool, a barber, and a bald-headed man were traveling together. Loosing their way, they were obliged to sleep in open air, and to avert danger it was agreed to watch by turns. The first lot fell to the barber, who, for amusement, shaved the fool's head while he was sleeping. He then awoke him, and the fool, raising his hand to scratch his head, exclaimed: "Here's a pretty mistake, you have awakened the bald-headed man instead."

Deputy Collector Arment and his efficient assistants scored a winning in the small wee hours of Thursday morning last. When Inspectors Hofstead, Adams and Hunter, swooped down upon the cottage in rear of Dr. Davy's drug store and captured a quantity of whiskey that was smuggled in during the night. William Loyd was in the cottage at the time of the capture and was arrested on the charge of smuggling the whiskey into Alaska. At the preliminary examination before Judge Tustin, he was held under bond of \$200, for his appearance at the coming term of court to be held at Juneau.

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What about the Thanksgiving ball. Highest price paid for furs. Case & Wilson.

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There is some talk of an ice cream social on Thanksgiving day.

If you were not at the social on Wednesday evening you missed a great treat.

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For a first-class shave, hair cut or shampoo, patronize the O. K. Tonsorial parlors.

Mrs. Uhler, called yesterday and authorized us to put her name on our list, still there is room for more. Don't be bashful.

Our wife says we took 14 pieces of cake at the social. Perhaps we did, we lost count, and besides, we were to bashful to refuse.

Do not forget there is nothing nicer than a photograph to send to your friends, and the Wrangel Studio is the place to get it.

We hope and pray that the person who stole our lantern at the social on Wednesday night, will never have even a glimpse of heaven.

W. A. Raymond, left on the Cottage City for Fenix, Arizona. While here Mr. Raymond made many friends who were sorry to see him go away.

To see the crowd going in and coming out of the Gem restaurant puts us in mind of a swarm of bees. J. C. is a hustler and believes in printers ink.

S. L. Adams, better known as "Dad" had his name enrolled on our subscription book this week. His remarks as he dropped the cart wheels on our desk were timely and to the point. "I believe in helping a good thing along."

Rufus Sylvester and Wm. G. Thomas will represent Wrangel on the grand jury and F. E. Cagle and Duncan McKinnon on the petit jury, at the ensuing term of the United States District Court, to open at Juneau on the 22d inst.

Dr. John P. Bennett made a host of friends during his short stay with us. It is the pleasure of meeting such men as the Dr. that makes life in this world. He left on the Cottage City to spend Xmas with the old folks at home. He expects to be with us again in the spring.

J. R. McKeand, the editor, took a turn for the worse yesterday, and the Dr. informs us it will be some weeks before he will resume his position as head pencil pusher on the Journal. His many friends will be sorry to learn of his illness and we all hope for his speedy recovery.

Mr. W. F. Wilcox of the Chicago and Minneapolis railway postoffice has been appointed acting chief clerk, eighth division Railway Service, to be assigned to duty in looking after the interests of the mail service in Alaska. Will the Wrangel Chamber of Commerce please take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Collector of Customs J. W. Ivey, upon arrival of the Cottage City last Saturday evening, was arrested by Deputy Marshal W. S. Staley upon a warrant charging criminal libel, based upon information sworn out by Attorney J. G. Heid of this city. Ivey was bound over to appear before the United States District Court, E. Valentine and J. O. Decker becoming his bondsmen.—Mining Record, Juneau.

A great deal of laughter was created in the police court the other day by an excitable German, who was charged with some minor offence. "Are you a single man?" asked the judge. "Now you look here," was the indignant reply, "don't you try to make no shoke mit me jost because I was Dutch and green. Do I look like I was a double man? Do I look like I was Siamese dwin? Hub, I was no fool if I was not long in Wrangel."

BIG FIRE AT DAWSON.

Loss Over Half a Million Dollars.

Special to the Journal.

On October the 14th two of Dawson's "red stockings" got into a dispute and during the row one of them threw a lighted lamp at the other. The lamp exploded and in a few minutes the building was in flames. The fire spread to the postoffice building adjoining and thence to the other buildings in the vicinity. Forty buildings went up in flames.

Seven men were more or less seriously injured. No loss of life reported.

It is said there is not enough lumber and window glass in Dawson to rebuild the burnt district, and that the people are in distress and will have to live in tents for the rest of the winter.

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public. All communications must be signed by the writer, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents published under the head of communications.

Wrangel, Alaska, Nov. 11, 1898.

Mr. Editor:

Kindly permit me to emphasize the suggestion of "Well-Wisher" in last week's Journal in regard to organizing a good literary society for Wrangel.

We have among us for the winter many who would doubtless enjoy and be glad to participate in literary exercises.

It is well, however, to have it understood that in order to get universal patronage and support, it should be organized properly and openly with the support and encouragement of those identified with the interests of Wrangel. Such things can be managed so as to generate envy and trouble, or, if selfish aims and petty ambitions are laid aside in the interest to provide a place for respectable, social enjoyment and education for all, a great good can be wrought for the place and we can soon have very interesting meetings, comparatively free from expense, which should be patronized and enjoyed by all.

The experience of the writer is that such things flourish best when managed wholly apart from the church or kindred associations, as prejudices are thus less likely to creep in.

Let us abolish all "400" bosh, get together as respectable citizens, organize a literary society for the enjoyment and improvement of all. Have our regular weekly meetings, literary program followed by social games, card playing and dancing. And during the winter two or three rousing old-fashioned exhibitions, full of comedy and interesting scenes, such as will provoke much merriment. Not for pecuniary profit to any one but for the fun there is in it, and all will enjoy it and it will make life happier here. The talent is here let us employ it.

AGITATOR.

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